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COMMUNICATIONAssistant Commissioner of Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action dated October 18, 2001 has been received and carefully reviewed. Please reconsider the above-identified patent application in light of the following remarks. Entry of this Communication is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

The Office Action of October 18, 2001 has been received and carefully reviewed. It is submitted that, by this Amendment, all bases of rejection and objection are traversed and overcome. Upon entry of this Amendment, Claims 1-25 and 27-65 remain in the application.

The Examiner stated that claims 15-25 and 31 are allowed. In the Examiner's statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter, he stated that "essentially all" cationic sites of the ion-exchanged zeolite contain silver cation or copper cation "as called for in claim 15". However, Applicants again, as they did in the last amendment, call the Examiner's attention to claim 15 as originally filed (and as it remains), which recites that "a majority" of the sites have silver cation or copper cation present. The "essentially all" language to which the Examiner refers is recited in dependent claim 23.

The specification is objected to under 35 USC 132 because the Examiner asserts that it introduces new matter into the disclosure of the invention. The Examiner states that the add d material which is not supported by the original

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